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## New childcare program available

During the 2020-2021 academic school year, the Boys & Girls Club has launched a new full-day child care and learning pod program where a designated group of kids can safely access computers and support services from Club staff, all while learning, building lasting friendships, and playing at a distance from each other. Club staff provide social, emotional and learning support throughout the virtual school day. At the completion of their remote

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## Testing sites in city extended

HOLYOKE – A walk-up COVID testing site opened in Holyoke at 323 Appleton St. Testing hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Testing will run until Dec. 31.

A Stop the Spread test has opened at Holyoke Community College. Testing will run until 12/31/20.

The site will operate Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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## School warns of Dean infection

HOLYOKE – This notice was issued Tuesday to the Holyoke school community warning of a COVID-19 infection in Dean Tech: The safety of all our HPS students and staff is our priority. Please be advised that there has been an individual at the HHS Dean Campus who has been diagnosed with or is being tested for the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

A letter was issued to families warning them of the symptoms of the virus and to be tested immediately and quarantine if they are sick.

## Steady numbers for early voting



Early voting is set up in city hall back in 2016, the first time for it. Early voting goes through Friday, Oct. 30, then voters can go to their respective voting precincts on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

File photo

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – Early and mail-in voting have become increasingly popular and this year, will likely lead to an overall increase in voter participation in the 2020 election.

City Clerk Brenna Murphy McGee confirmed early voting has gone very

well in the city, and the city has also received back a number of mail-in or absentee ballots.

The city has 27,994 registered voters, and the city already has about 7,000 ballots turned in between early voters and return mail ballots. That adds up to approximately 25 percent of the population having already participated

ed in some type of voting in advance of the Nov. 3 election.

“Early voting has been consistently steady, but is getting busier as the week goes on,” said McGee on Wednesday afternoon. “Today (Oct. 28) seems to have been our busiest day.”

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## State senate seat on the line in Nov. 3 election

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HOLYOKE – While most eyes in the country are on the very controversial 2020 presidential election between incumbent President Donald Trump and challenger, former Vice President Joe Biden, there are also local elections being decided when voters are invited to the polls for a final time on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

State Sen. John Velis was elected during a special election in May. He took the state senate seat in the Second Hampden and Hampshire District previously occupied by longtime politician Donald Humason, who is now mayor of Westfield.

Velis, a Democrat, defeated John Cain, of Southwick in that special election. Cain, a Republican, is now challenging Velis for the full two-year term on the state senate.

The district represents 11 cities and towns, including Holyoke, Westfield, Easthampton, and small part of Chicopee.

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## Fall sports season at Holyoke High School wiped out by COVID surge

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HOLYOKE – A second surge of COVID-19 cases in the city has eliminated the remainder of the fall sports season for Holyoke High School.

Holyoke attempted to play as much of its schedule as possible prior to a shutdown that was made effective on Oct. 23, when Holyoke learned it had gone in the “red” for a third consecutive week.

Holyoke High School officials, after two straight weeks of the city being labeled “high-risk” for COVID-19, saw the numbers not trending in the right direction, and attempted to fit in as many contests as possible between Oct. 19 and Oct. 22.

However, once the shutdown of sports occurred, the school administration made the decision that Holyoke will not participate in the remainder of the Fall 1 sports season, and will instead look to the winter and see if sports will be possible in that season.

“The health and safety of our community must remain

the top priority, and any future plans for athletics must continue to adapt to evolving public health metrics. We are writing to inform you that in consultation with the local Board of Health, and in alignment with City, State, and MIAA guidelines, the remainder of Holyoke High School’s fall sports season is canceled. This is unfortunate and extremely disappointing, especially for our student-athletes, coaches, and fans who were looking forward to a complete fall season. This move is necessary out of an abundance of caution. While difficult for all involved, our responsibility is to keep our students and staff safe,” said Receiver/Superintendent Dr. Alberto Vazquez Matos in a letter to the school community.

Other communities that has been labeled high-risk have had temporary shutdown, but Holyoke opted to shut down sports for the remainder of the season, which ends Nov. 20. Holyoke was in a bubble league with Northampton, Agawam, Hampshire Regional, West Springfield, and Westfield. All of their oppo-

nents in the Hampden West are still actively playing games.

“The City of Holyoke has been in the red category for three weeks,” Matos said.



Holyoke High School sports have been cancelled for the remainder of the fall due to increased COVID-19 cases in the city.

“Which represents four weeks of higher rates of spread of the coronavirus, largely due to small group gatherings where

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Holyoke was playing soccer, field hockey, cross country, golf, and girls volleyball prior to the shutdown.

File photos



SCHOOL TAKES PART IN UNITY DAY



Members of the Holyoke school community took part in Unity Day, wearing orange whether it be at offices, or at home doing remote learning. Submitted photos

HCC, WSU partner on Latinx Studies transfer pathway

HOLYOKE/WESTFIELD – Westfield State University and Holyoke Community College have partnered to create an affordable pathway for Latinx Studies students holding an associate degree who want to earn their bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Under the transfer agreement, this new 2+2+1 program will enable students who receive an associate degree in Latinx Studies from HCC to seamlessly transfer to Westfield and apply their credits toward the degree requirements for a bachelor of arts in ethnic and gender studies with a double major in Spanish. In their fifth year, students can earn a master of public administration from Westfield State University, for a 2+2+1 track.

“Westfield State is excited to enhance its excellent relationship with Holyoke Community College by providing a bridge between an associate’s degree in Latinx Studies and a desirable career,” said Roy H. Saigo, Ph.D., interim president of Westfield State University. “This partnership highlights the university’s commitment to facilitating accessible and affordable degree options for all individuals.”

With a student population that is more than 25 percent Hispanic/Latinx, HCC is a federally recognized Hispanic Serving Institution. The College introduced its Latinx Studies major in fall 2019 and is the only community college in Massachusetts that offers one.

“Holyoke Community College’s diversity is one of its greatest strengths,” said HCC President Christina Royal, Ph.D. “We are always exploring new pathways through which our students can continue their education toward rewarding careers while becoming more active and engaged citizens. This partnership with Westfield State University provides these opportunities and will also create greater space for dialogue around the historical, social, cultural, political, and economic forces that shape our communities.”

HCC’s Latinx Studies program grew out of a 2015 Bridging Cultures grant the College received from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant’s purpose was to help HCC faculty incorporate Latinx Studies material into existing courses while also creating new ones. The result was courses that became corner-

stones of the new major, such as “Latinx Literature,” “Latinx Politics,” “History of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean,” and “Introduction to Latinx Studies.”

“It’s wonderful to see our faculty develop what began as a grant-funded project into an on-going partnership that will benefit HCC students for years to come,” said HCC Dean of Arts and Humanities Kim Hicks.

Requirements for the major include an internship or Latinx civic engagement project as well as electives from a variety of other areas of study, such as anthropology, sociology, communications, history, race and ethnicity and Spanish.

“This is very much an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions like Westfield State University, and to pursue careers in a range of fields, such as community organizing, law and advocacy, city and urban planning, politics and policy, counseling, and international relations,” said HCC Latinx Studies and Spanish Professor Raúl Gutiérrez, coordinator of the Latinx Studies program. “We’re looking forward to closely working with Westfield State on this new partnership.”

The chair of the WSU’s Department of Language and Culture Studies, Hugo Viera, Ph.D., said, “Our department está encantado to be participating in this new interdisciplinary program and looks forward to collaborating more closely with HCC as well as WSU faculty in other departments.”

As part of the partnership, Westfield State and HCC will also collaborate on a new inter-institutional “Learning Community” course this spring. The course will blend Westfield State Professor Gabriel Aquino’s Race and Ethnic Relations course with an HCC Latin American Studies course taught by Gutiérrez.

“We are really excited about the partnership,” said Emily Todd, Ph.D., dean of Westfield State University’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. “Throughout each student’s education and experience at both institutions, faculty and staff will collaboratively work to provide mentorship, support, guidance, and careful advising. Research and internship opportunities will enhance students’ experiences, with an emphasis on community-based initiatives.”

License renewal fees waived during pandemic

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HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke has recently adopted a policy to waive the license renewal fees for activities that were affected by the COVID pandemic, as they will likely continue to be affected. These waivers on fees are only for license renewals and will not be offered for new licenses.

The categories of licenses included for waived fees includes entertainment, common victualler, automatic amusement devices, club/restaurant all alcohol, veteran’s club and hotel/innkeeper all alcohol, restaurant and hotel/innkeeper wine/malt, and general on-premises all alcohol and wine/malt.

“The license categories are those that are commonly used by the type of hospitality establishments that have been hit hard by the COVID pandemic due to the need to have them reinvent themselves completely or remain closed.” Planning and Economic Development Director, Marcos Marrero said. “These are entertainment venues, mainly restaurants and bars.”

The waiving of licenses renewal fees

is a way to help those business that are and continue to be affected by the pandemic. Many restaurants and bars had to change many aspects of their business to be able to open and run during the pandemic, this waiver is a way to help keep the doors open for these businesses. This policy was adopted by the vote of the License Board at an October 14 meeting, and was encouraged by Mayor Alex Morse.

In a press release Morse said “The pandemic affects the livelihood of local business owners and employees. Waiving renewal fees is a good-faith gesture in solidarity with local businesses to help in these times.”

This fee waiver is a step that is being taken by the City, in addition to the City’s small business grant program that is administered through the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce.

“The City has contracted with the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce to run a grant program for Holyoke small businesses that have short term needs due to the COVID pandemic.”

Marrero said. “The funds can be used for operating expenses, salaries or retooling to help in keeping the business going.” Earlier in the year the City approved

\$165,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the program and won an additional \$35,000 in funds from the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office.

Marrero explains that the amount of award isn’t capped but is usually less than \$10,000, and the requirements and goals are listed in the program manual on the Chamber of Commerce’s website. The purpose of this small business grant program is explained in the policies and procedures manual, the manual states “The primary purpose of this COVID-19 Business Emergency Operations Grant Program is to help Holyoke-based businesses to withstand and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Businesses receiving assistance through the COVID-19 Business Emergency Operations Grant Fund must be permitted and located within the City of Holyoke.”

This grant program is administered and funded by the City of Holyoke Office for Community Development. Businesses can still apply for this program if they are in need for it, people can find information and application forms on the Chamber of Commerce’s website.

City waiving license renewal fees in COVID-affected categories

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke has adopted a policy of waiving license renewal fees for activities that have been, and will likely continue to be, affected by the COVID pandemic. Specifically, those license categories are:

- Entertainment
- Common Victualler
- Automatic Amusement Devices
- Club All Alcohol
- Restaurant All Alcohol
- Restaurant Wine/Malt
- Veteran’s Club All Alcohol
- Hotel/Innkeeper All Alcohol
- Hotel/Innkeeper Wine/Malt
- General On-Premises All Alcohol
- General On-Premises Wine/Malt



# Hampden County Narcan initiative surpasses 1,000 doses

SPRINGFIELD – In October of 2018 Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni along with Baystate Health, Trinity Health of New England, and The Center for Human Development announced a \$70,000 commitment to provide Naloxone, also known as Narcan, to participating municipal police and fire departments across Hampden County.

Since that announcement the commitment has grown to over \$125,000 with two additional rounds of funding by the Hampden District Attorney's Office totaling \$55,000.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni stated, "All indications are the opioid crisis has worsened during the Covid-19 pandemic. Ensuring local first responders have the necessary life-saving medication to assist those suffering from addiction is crucial in our life-saving efforts. The partnership between law enforcement and healthcare organizations to expand the availability of this life-saving drug is crucial in helping those suffering get the treatment they need."

To date, 1,120 doses of Naloxone



Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni speaks at a Narcan event last week.

Submitted photos

have been distributed to local police and fire departments in effort to combat opioid overdoses here in Hampden County.

"Each of the over 1,000 doses of Narcan distributed as part of this special initiative to first responders represents a life saved. The opioid crisis has not gone away during the coronavirus pandemic, if anything, social isolation has made it worse. Any opportunity for people to seek

treatment and enter recovery is a second chance at life," said Dr. Peter Friedmann, Chief Research Officer at Baystate Health.

In addition to help funding the initiative, Baystate Health administers the program and maintains a sufficient supply of Naloxone at its pharmacy. When the medication is in short supply, any participating agency can go directly to Baystate and pick up the desired doses.



Narcan is a life-saving drug used by police departments to revive overdose victims.

The following departments participate in the program: Springfield Police and Fire Departments, Westfield Fire Department, Chicopee Police and Fire Departments, Holyoke Police and Fire Department, Longmeadow Police and Fire Department, Agawam Police Department, Wilbraham Police Department, West Springfield Police Department, and Ludlow Police Department.

## Roll to the poll on Valleybike Share, \$1 day passes, three-hour rides

REGION – ValleyBike Share is the all electric assist bike share program of the Pioneer Valley that includes the cities and towns of Amherst, Easthampton, Holyoke, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield (not open in 2020), and the UMass Amherst Campus.

Regardless of the outcome, the 2020 election will be a watershed moment.

ValleyBike wants to help ensure every voter has a say in the final outcome. That's why ValleyBike is partnering with the North American Bike Share Association and its members on Roll to the Poll's. We will be offering \$1 day passes and unlimited three-hour rides for every membership type to assure you have time to get to the poll and vote!

You will be able to secondary lock the bike to a fence, bike rack, tree, or any other stationary object while you are in your polling location casting your vote.

If you need financial assistance obtaining this day pass or any membership, please reach out to our customer service team and ask about our free access pass, an annual pass for free this year

that will allow you an annual membership with unlimited one hour rides. (except three-hour rides on election day).

Please let your friends and family know about this national program, participating micro-mobility programs can be found at [rolltothepolls.com](http://rolltothepolls.com). Keep an eye on our social media @valleybike for more information as the Election comes closer.

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Poetry Corner

Just Above

By Thomas J. Kennedy

In the distance  
I see two dark clouds  
Standing on the shore.  
One looks like angel wings  
And the other a nuclear bomb.  
The angel's wing is still  
Standing tall.  
But the mushroom is leaning down . . .  
Getting darker in our turf  
Only a speck of light remains . . .  
As we grope for answers without  
While the answers are within . . .  
Prayer and His faith.



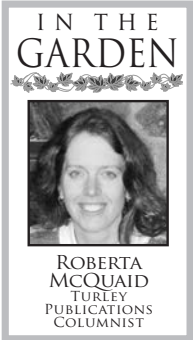
Guest Columns

Crocus: a great spring pick me up

When I was a kid we had crocus growing in a rock garden behind our house. They bloomed religiously, year after year, with little effort on our part. As a young adult working at Old Sturbridge Village, I saw a lot of crocus there, too. I loved to look for the bright yellows and purples in the Towne and Fitch gardens, and even inside the homes when they were forced into bloom in really neat porcelain hedgehogs, modeled after period forcing pots! Hedgehogs aside, I haven't had the same luck growing crocus in my own garden. Let's take a crash course on crocus culture so that this harbinger of spring will be happy enough to stick around in my landscape and yours.

Crocuses are hardy throughout most of the continental United States, zones 3-8. Northern gardeners love that they tolerate frost so well, and given the right circumstances will actually do better here than if planted in warmer climates. In fact, those who garden in the South often enjoy crocus for only a single season, making them more of an annual instead of the perennial we are accustomed to.

Most crocus species prefer a location that mimics their native habitat: one in which winters are moist and summers are dry. This is



because they, and others that fall under the category of "spring flowering bulbs," go through a period of dormancy during the summer months. Since they are resting and not actively growing, they need to be kept dry; excess moisture will cause them to rot.

A full sun to partial shade situation is best for crocus and will encourage them to produce prolific, strong blossoms. Remember just how early in the season they bloom; many locations that wouldn't work in summer are just fine in March-, under deciduous trees, for example, since they have yet to produce their leaves.

Plant crocus corms in the autumn, at least 4 to 6 weeks before the ground freezes solid. These "modified stems" should be sunk twice as deep as they are thick, usually about four inches underground. Keep them that same distance apart from one another. Sometimes it is difficult to tell which end is "up." Examine the corm carefully and you will likely notice the start of a shoot or two poking through a fibrous, papery covering on one side and a base plate with the remnants of the previous year's roots on the other. Now that you know what to look for, planting them correctly is easy.

New crocus corms form above old corms each year. Keep a bed of crocus thriving by digging them up during dormancy and replanting them at the proper depth every third or fourth year. Tiny "cormlets" can be divided from the mother plant during this time as well. Usually they will take four or more years to produce blossoms.

Crocus corms are especially tasty to rodents. There are all kinds of tactics one can use to try and keep the buggers from eating them. Some gardeners go through the trouble of making little cages out of chicken wire and planting the corms inside. Others surround the corms with sharp gravel to discourage the animal from digging them up. There are also a number of deterrents, natural and otherwise, on the market that may be worth a try if you have a severe enough problem.

Now that I've had a refresher course on the basic requirements for crocus growing, I'll likely try again. Hopefully you will too!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Guidance needed on Social Security and Medicare

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty: I am turning 67 in October and as of today, I am still employed full time. I really do not plan on retiring unless I am forced to. But how do I arrange my Social Security and Medical care stuff. It seems this subject is like a color, and everyone has a different color they like. Is there any way for me to figure this out with help or on my own? I could really use some guidance. Signed: Perplexed

Dear Perplexed: Okay, let's look at your Social Security and your Medicare separately, because they're two totally independent programs.

You do not need to do anything about Social Security until you are ready to start collecting your benefits. Since you have already reached your full retirement age (FRA) of 66, you are now earning Delayed Retirement Credits at the rate of .667% per month. That means that your benefit in October, if you were to claim it then, would be 8% more than it would have been at age 66. If you continue to delay applying for Social Security benefits, you will continue to earn those DRCs up to age 70, when your benefit amount would be 32% more than it would have been at your FRA. The choice of when to claim your Social Security is

yours to make, considering your need for the money, your health and your expected longevity. The longer you wait (up to 70), the more your benefit will be, and if you expect at least average longevity (about 84 for a man your current age) then you'll get both a higher benefit amount and more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting to claim your Social Security.

As for Medicare, if you are now covered by your employer's "creditable" healthcare plan, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your current employer coverage ends (when you stop working). "Creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants. If you now have "creditable" employer healthcare coverage (including drug coverage) you won't be liable for a Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling in Medicare (or a drug plan) later. If you are still working and know your creditable employer coverage will end soon, you can enroll for Medicare benefits to start coincident with the end of your employer coverage. Or, after you stop working, you can enroll in Medicare during a "Special Enrollment Period" (or "SEP" for those transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare coverage). Your SEP for Medicare will last for eight months after you stop working, but you only have 63 days after the end of your employer drug coverage

to enroll in a Part D prescription drug plan.

The bottom line is this – you don't need to enroll in Medicare until your creditable employer healthcare coverage ends. And you don't need to apply for Social Security until you wish to start receiving benefits (just don't wait beyond 70).

One final point because you were born in 1953: if you are now married and your wife is already collecting her Social Security, you can file a "restricted application for spouse benefits only" and collect only a spouse benefit from your wife, while still allowing your own benefit to continue to grow until you are 70. But this option is only available to you because you were born before Jan. 2, 1954.

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Confucius

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# Virtual program to tell story of Sarah Margu, a child of the Amistad

HOLYOKE – On Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m., Wistariahurst will host Sarah Margu - A Child of the Amistad, a live, online program presented by Tammy Denease. This program is free and open to all. Advance registration is required.

One of four children held captive on the schooner Amistad, Sarah Margu would miss the rite of passage (Sande Society) into adulthood in her native Mendeland (now Sierre Leone). After gaining freedom through a victory in the United States legal system, Margu would go on to become the first African to graduate from college in America (Oberlin College, Ohio). Life in a strange country causes Margu to become westernized, refusing to live according to the

custom of her homeland. Share with Tammy Denease this poignant voyage from childhood denial to adult autonomy.

This program is open to all members of the public, but has been specially designed to address the needs of area seniors, many of whom continue to be socially isolated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is supported through a Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 Grant to address, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic that is administered through the Holyoke Office of Community Development and has been planned in consultation with the Holyoke Council on Aging. Additional support has been provided through NEH CARES Act funding granted by Mass Humanities.

To register for Sarah Margu - A Child of the Amistad or any future programs, please visit [www.Wistariahurst.org](http://www.Wistariahurst.org) or contact Eileen Maginnis at the Holyoke Council on Aging at [maginnise@holyoke.org](mailto:maginnise@holyoke.org). If you have an idea for a topic you'd like to be considered for a future Wistariahurst session, please contact [info@wistariahurst.org](mailto:info@wistariahurst.org).

Future virtual programs will focus on a diverse range of historical and cultural topics including programs on nature, art, history, travel, and social justice. Upcoming presentations are set to include the natural history of the Pioneer Valley, the labor movement and women's organizing in local factories, and the history of Holyoke's St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Tammy Denease will portray Sarah Margu. Submitted photo

## Gingerbread House Sale event to be held outdoors on Oct. 24

HOLYOKE – St. Peter's is known for its annual Gingerbread House Fair that is held every December. However, given Covid-19 restrictions they are not able to host this indoor event. The church has been working very closely with the Holyoke Board of Health to safely offer an outdoor "fall" alternative creatively titled The "Un"-Gingerbread House Sale! The Fall Sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, October 31. Please check the website at [www.stpetersholyoke.org](http://www.stpetersholyoke.org) the morning of the 24th if the weather conditions are in doubt.

This event will take place in the church's lower parking lot, which is handicapped accessible, and will be roped off and set up for social distancing. The upper parking lot will be for cars. The maximum capacity inside the

roped off area is 50 people. Masks are required and the church will be closed to the public.

Members of the church have been busy building, painting, creating, knitting and baking! Items for sale include: Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas craft items! Also, there will be baked goods, knitted and crocheted items, stained glass, hand crafted wood items, abstract paintings, face masks, kitchen items, and bath items! Instead of decorating your own gingerbread house you will be able to purchase a "take and go" pumpkin decorating kit. Please see the church website for photo samples of the many items that we will be selling. Credit card payments are preferred.

The church is located at 34 Jarvis Avenue in Holyoke. Their phone number is 413-536-3369.

## Used toys needed for holiday exchange

AGAWAM – Agawam Zero Waste Club and the Agawam Rotary Club have partnered to collect toys for the 5th Annual Holiday Used Toy Exchange. This volunteer team has modified the annual event to comply with COVID-19 health guidelines.

Donors will send individual pictures of each of their gently used, clean, working toys by email to [AgawamZeroWaste@gmail.com](mailto:AgawamZeroWaste@gmail.com) from now until Sun., Nov. 1. Please include your name and telephone number on the e-mail. Toys will be collected by appointment only at the Agawam Public Library parking lot on Sat., Nov. 21 from 10-3. Donors will remain in their cars for this drive-thru event.

Gently used toys wanted include musical instruments, action figures,

dolls, sports equipment, books, bicycles, electronics, video games, DVDs, stuffed animals, model kits, art supplies, building toys, creative learning toys & structures, games, puzzles and baby toys. Donated toys must be clean, working and have all parts.

General public free shopping will be on-line from Wed., Nov. 4 through Tues., Nov. 10. Participants will be entered into a lottery after selecting their favorite toys virtually. The specific website and shopping format information will be made available at a future date. Toys will be distributed by appointment only on Sat., Dec. 5 from 10-2 in the Agawam Public Library parking lot. Participants will remain in their cars for this drive-thru event. Please submit questions to [AgawamZeroWaste@gmail.com](mailto:AgawamZeroWaste@gmail.com).

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school day, all youth transition to traditional Boys & Girls Club afterschool programming and enrichment activities in the afternoon. All youth enrolled in the program receive breakfast, lunch and a snack.

This program takes place at 70 Nick Cosmos Way. It serves children who enrolled in kindergarten through 13 years old. Children's parents must be working or enrolled in a qualified training program. The program operates after school and all day on school closings, vacation days, and throughout the summer.

Children come to the Boys & Girls Club to :

- Digital literacy support and WiFi access
- Homework support & high yield learning activities
- Project-based and service learning activities

- Sports and fitness activities games
- Computer, technology, STEM activities

- Robotics
- Arts & Crafts
- Performance & media arts
- Swimming
- Non-contact boxing
- Rock climbing
- Learn Digital Photography
- Literacy support

Most importantly, kids come to the Club to engage with positive role models in a safe, nurturing environment

Program Hours: 7:30am - 5:00pm  
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Staff are trained in CPR and First Aid

For more information about program and to place your child on the waitlist, please contact Director of Operations, Ann Mann at 534-7366. ext. 126 or email.

### ELECTION, from page 1

A U.S. Senate seat is on the line with U.S. Ed Markey putting his seat up against Republican Kevin O'Connor. The seat is for a six-year term.

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts, ran and successfully defeated Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse in the primary election in September. Neal is unopposed for another term in the general election.

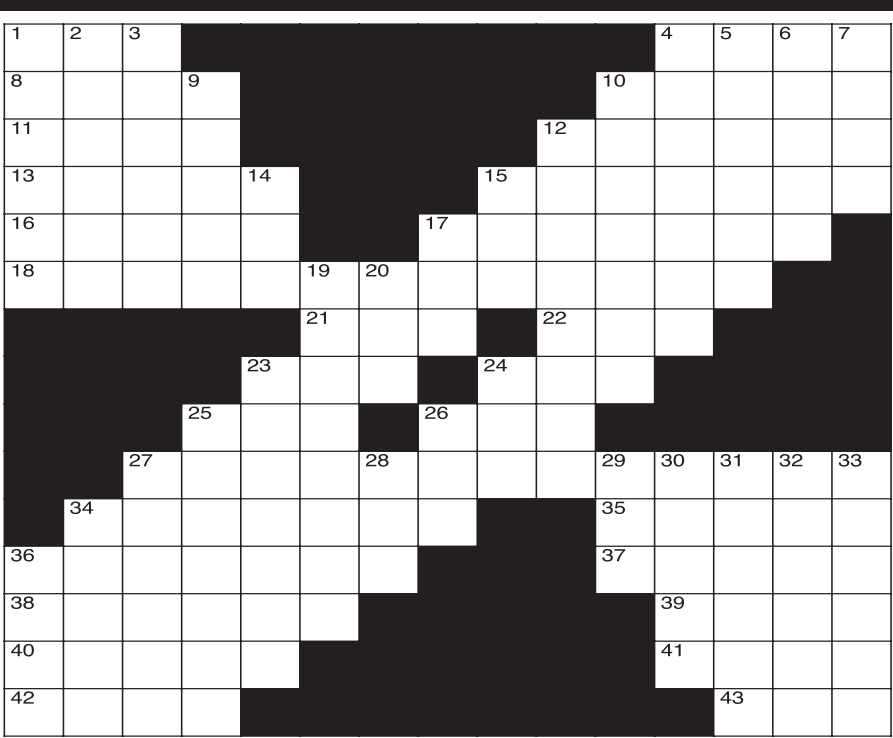
The state representative seat is also all but decided as Patricia Duffy is likely the next to fill the seat. Duffy won a primary on Sept. 1, defeating two fellow Democrats, City Councilor David Bartley and Patrick Beaudry. All were looking to succeed Aaron Vega, who was not seeking re-election to the state house. Duffy is on

the November ballot for Holyoke, and should be elected provided there are no major write-in campaigns.

Finally, there will be two ballot questions. The first will seek to expand the 2013 "Right-to-repair" law where a yes vote will expand access to car data for independent mechanics while a no vote will make no changes to the current laws.

The second question will ask if voters in Massachusetts would like to see "ranked-choice" voting.

Sample ballots can be found on local websites or by contacting your Town Clerk. Precinct locations are published in the Holyoke Sun and will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is not known how long it will take for local results to be known with the expansion of mail-in voting.



#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. Undemanding
- 8. "\_\_\_ your enthusiasm"
- 10. Well-known island
- 11 Not saintly
- 12. Habitual
- 13. Central parts of church buildings
- 15. Trust
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Deep-bodied fish
- 18. Live up to expectations
- 21. Snag
- 22. Partner to haw
- 23. General's assistant
- (abbr.)
- 24. Sheep disease
- 25. Male term of endearment
- 26. United
- 27. Popular TV host
- 34. Overnighters
- 35. Beloved British princess
- 36. Obtains from Emperor
- 37. Third Mughal
- 38. Shares the opinion of
- 39. Central European river
- 40. Feudal estates
- 41. KU hoops coach Bill
- 42. Spreads out for drying

- 43. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Picturesque
- 2. South Pacific island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Establish the truth of
- 5. Unfettered
- 6. Originations
- 7. Famed English park
- 9. Sheep's cry
- 10. Danced
- 12. More upstanding
- 14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 15. Type of lettuce
- 17. Place to call a pint
- 19. Backs
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Makes it there
- 24. Value
- 25. One's convictions
- 26. Former CIA
- 27. Clashed
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 30. Athletic shoes
- 31. Roof style
- 32. Make possible
- 33. Make less dense
- 34. Healthy food
- 36. Silly

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# STCC receives \$662,000 in state grants for COVID-19 relief

SPRINGFIELD – The state has awarded Springfield Technical Community College two grants totaling nearly \$662,000 for COVID-19 relief, STCC President John B. Cook announced today.

The money will be used to help keep the campus safe during the pandemic, compensate faculty for their work developing online courses and boost student aid, Cook said at a news conference at STCC. He spoke from Building 20, where check-in stations are set up to screen students, staff and faculty who arrive on the campus.

Joined by state representatives

Carlos Gonzalez, Angelo J. Puppolo Jr. and Bud L. Williams, Cook thanked the lawmakers for their support.

“We are really thrilled that you can be here, that you can share in this award with us, and that you continue to champion for STCC and for public higher education,” Cook said.

Heriberto “Herbie” Flores, president and CEO of Partners for Community, also joined the event to show support for STCC.

STCC received a Higher Education COVID-19 Response Grant from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) in the amount of \$502,425

to support the college’s COVID-19 response efforts.

Separately, the college received a \$159,266 GEER grant to support emergency need-based assistance for students who have been affected by COVID-19.

Cook said the GEER grants totaling \$661,691 would be used specifically for the following:

- Campus sanitizing
- COVID-19 testing
- Student aid
- Faculty compensation for online course development
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

“This funding will allow us to address critical needs that we are facing during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Cook said. “We are grateful to Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito for their support. The grants will help keep our campus safe and support our students as they pursue their goal of obtaining an education and transforming their lives. We also are pleased to use part of the grant to compensate our talented faculty who have done a tremendous job preparing their online classes.”

To reduce the risk of illness posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, STCC is offering online classes with a mix of low-density, on-campus labs for health and STEM programs this academic year. Faculty trained this past summer for online instruction and have been developing courses.

In a letter to Cook announcing the grant, Baker and Polito said, “We understand how challenging these past months have been as you and your staff and faculty have worked tirelessly to continue providing academic opportunities and additional supports for your students.

“Thank you for your commitment to student success, and for finding creative and thoughtful solutions to maintaining your course offerings and services, without compromising the health and safety

of your students, staff, faculty, and the surrounding community.”

At the news conference, Vice President of Advancement and External Affairs Denise Hurst introduced the state representatives, who offered brief remarks about STCC and the grants.

“STCC plays a significant role in the Western Mass. region,” Gonzalez said. “The Western Mass delegation will continue to work with the Baker Administration to assure that our community college gets equitable funding to continue to promote education through the COVID pandemic.”

Puppolo noted his higher education pathway began at STCC.

“As a graduate of STCC, I’m especially pleased to show my support for this fine institution. Certainly we’re under tremendous pressure and all kinds of changes are going on relative to the pandemic, but we’re pleased to work with our colleagues and certainly Gov. Baker to make sure we’re funding the institutions and, in particular, STCC.”


Williams observed that the news conference was held next to the patient simulation (SIMS) medical center, where students in health programs conduct their training. He said the grants will pay for protective equipment and other measures to ensure they can continue their studies safely during the pandemic.

“I’m happy to be here and be part of this announcement. We want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration for approving over \$660,000 to help out STCC. It’s a shot in the arm and every little bit helps,” Williams said.

Cook thanked the representatives for their long-term support of STCC.

“The legislators understand that STCC is here to support students as they transform their lives,” Cook said. “I applaud them for their efforts in the State House to ensure we meet our mission.”

Interested in applying to STCC? Visit [stcc.edu/apply](http://stcc.edu/apply) or call Admissions at (413) 755-3333.




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**An RSVP is required to attend this event as space is limited. Call Stephanie at 413-538-7551 by November 6th.**



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- The test site at Holyoke Community College is a drive-through only test site. Please do not get out of your vehicle. Signage and Campus Police will be readily apparent to help you access the site easily.
- To help speed up the process, please have your information ready. They will ask for your full name, address (you must be a Massachusetts resident), phone

number and email address.

- There is no cost for the testing. You do not need a referral, nor do you need to be symptomatic.
- The test style will be the less invasive swab in the lower nostril. The older style that required further insertion of the swab will not be used.
- If you have previously tested positive, DPH and CDC guidelines do not recommend getting retested at this time.
- If you are acutely symptomatic, particularly if you have a high fever, consider scheduling a test with your Primary Care Physician.
- Information on all of the Stop the Spread test sites across the State can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>.

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## KNIGHTS FALL AGAINST AGAWAM



Last Monday afternoon, Agawam cruised to a 3-0 win over host Holyoke. Mia Wood scored twice for the Brownies and Emily Czupta scored the third goal in the shutout. Agawam is 3-0 this season. Photos clockwise from top right, Naressa Kempadoo tries to stop her opponent's progress. Molly O'Donnell looks to make a long hit after gaining possession. Maeve Norton restarts after the ball went out of bounds. Samantha Brennan makes her way out of the defensive end of the field. Alessadie Rivera self-starts her way up the field.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Dowling nets \$10K prize in modified race

STAFFORD, Conn. — Chase Dowling took the home-track advantage to Victory Lane in the Call Before You Dig (CBYD) Modified Classic 81 at Stafford Motor Speedway on Saturday night.

Dowling, the driver of the No. S&S Asphalt Paving machine owned by Ben Dodge, rolled to a dominant win in the inaugural Tri Track Open Modified Series race at the Connecticut half-mile. The race win came with a smooth \$10,000 check courtesy of CBYD and Tri Track — just a small portion of a purse that was over \$58,000. Thirty-two cars started the race, while 51 Modifieds showed up in the pit area to attempt to qualify. It was the largest, and most talented, Modified field seen in a race in multiple decades of racing.

Dowling took the lead on lap 12, led through lap 30 when he pitted during a controlled caution, then blasted back to the front to take the top spot for the final time on lap 39. He would hold off Matt Hirschman on multiple restarts in the second half of the race to win.

While Dowling celebrated the victory, Hirschman clinched his fifth career Tri Track title driving the No. 60 Modified. Ronnie Williams made a late charge to finish second, followed by Hirschman, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, who made his 2020 Tri Track debut, and Matt Swanson.

The major wreck of the race happened off turn two on lap 30, just after the cycle of controlled caution pit stops. After Doug Coby had a mechanical

failure at the green flag and stacked up the outside lane, multiple cars wrecked, drawing a caution in turn one. It was in turn two where most of the carnage happened — with Woody Pitkat ending up halfway up the wall on his side. Pitkat, Jon McKennedy, Dave Sapienza and others escaped without injury, but were sidelined for the rest of the race.

After staying out early, NASCAR Cup Series star Ryan Preece elected to pit during a lap 39 caution, but was collected in a multiple-car wreck in turn three, ending his chances. The race came down to Dowling charging through and pulling away, while Williams, Hirschman and others tried to chase him down. Richard Savary finished sixth, followed

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## School shuts down sports, others join high-risk status

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION — After three weeks of being named “high-risk” communities for COVID-19, Holyoke High School became the first school outside of Springfield’s schools to shut high school sports down.

Not only has Holyoke High School shut down their sports, the remainder of the fall season has been officially cancelled according to a letter from Receiver/Superintendent Dr. Alberto Vazquez Matos.

“The health and safety of our community must remain the top priority,” stated Matos in a letter to the

school community. “And any future plans for athletics must continue to adapt to evolving public health metrics. We are writing to inform you that in consultation with the local Board of Health, and in alignment with City, State, and MIAA guidelines, the remainder of Holyoke High School’s fall sports season is canceled. This is unfortunate and extremely disappointing, especially for our student-athletes, coaches, and fans who were looking forward to a complete fall season. This move is necessary out of an abundance of caution. While difficult for all involved, our

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# Thunderbirds make donation to Rays of Hope

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Thunderbirds president Nathan Costa presented a check of \$15,000 to the Baystate Health Foundation for the Rays of Hope from proceeds raised by the sale of specialty pink jerseys worn at the 2020 Pink in the Rink Night last March this afternoon on the steps of city hall.

Each year since their inception, the Thunderbirds have held a Pink in the Rink Night to benefit the Rays of Hope, complete with participation by breast cancer survivors, pink ice, and pink specialty jerseys. The event has sold out each of the past four seasons, and has become a signature event in the area to raise awareness during the Spring months. This past season’s event took place on Saturday, March 7, and was again sold-out with a capacity crowd of 6,793.

“We at the Thunderbirds have been a dedicated supporter of the Baystate

Health Foundation and the Rays of Hope from inception, and it’s with great admiration for the fight against breast cancer that we are able to make yet another significant contribution to the cause in what has been a very difficult year,” said president Nathan Costa. “Kathy, Michelle and the entire Baystate team have become like family to us, and we look forward to continuing this special partnership for years to come.”

The Thunderbirds Foundation has contributed over \$80,000 to the Baystate Health Foundation and the Rays of Hope through the proceeds of specialty jersey auctions from the annual Pink in the Rink Night.

“Baystate Health Foundation and Rays of Hope are so proud of our partnership with the Springfield Thunderbirds. Pink in the Rink was one of the last times we had the ability to be all together this

year and the memory of that evening is heartwarming. A huge thank you to the Thunderbirds organization, Thunderbirds Fans and our Pink Rays of Hope Army for your support that makes this generous donation possible. HOPE will never be cancelled. We look forward to our 27th Rays of Hope Walk and Run Toward the Cure in our new virtual model this Sunday.”

The check presentation occurred in association with the City of Springfield’s Pink and Denim Day. Each year, the Mayor’s office collects donations for the Rays of Hope, culminating in a day near the end of October where city employees can wear pink and denim to raise support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“We all have family and friends who have battled this challenge. My administration is proud to stand with those affected and Baystate Medical Center in con-

tinuing to raise funds to cure and beat this medical challenge. This year is extra special and I wish to congratulate our very own Al Rodriguez and his lovely wife Jackie for being named Baystate Health’s Rays of Hope chairs for 2020/2021. Such a wonderful and beautiful family who continues to show tremendous support not only to Jackie but to other breast cancer survivors too. Al, Jackie, and family good health and continued success,” Mayor Sarno said.

Thought it may look a little different than in past years, the Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer will continue in a hybrid model for 2020. Supporters are encouraged to walk or run anywhere, any time, during the month of the October, ending with a Parade of Hope on Sunday, Oct. 25 for all registered participants. For more information visit <http://bayhf.convio.net/>.

## Help feature your student-athletes

The fall season is underway and Turley Publications has been back out covering the action for the first two weeks.

We continue to ask for help on this season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to

hear from you.

If you don’t see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com).

## Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge to be held in “Bubbleville” at Mohegan Sun

UNCASVILLE – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame today announced the Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge scheduled for Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29 at Mohegan Sun Arena will now be a part of “Bubbleville,” a large scale effort to house several events relocated and reimaged due to COVID-19.

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Gazelle Group are collaborating to produce multiple college basketball games at Mohegan Sun from November 25 through December 4, 2020, while providing a controlled environment with teams and event staff adhering to tribal, government, and NCAA health and safety protocols and testing requirements.

“The Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge has been held at Mohegan Sun Arena for many years in front of the tre-

mendous UConn fanbase. While COVID-19 has forced us to reassess many events and safety protocols, we are proud to still be hosting these four outstanding teams in a world-class venue,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “We thank Mohegan Sun for their partnership and their diligence to produce this tournament in a bubble-like atmosphere.”

The Basketball Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge will feature local favorite and 11-time National Champions UConn (which joined the Big East Conference on July 1), Maine (America East Conference), Mississippi State (Southeastern Conference) and Quinnipiac (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference). Game times, television details and ticket information will be released at a later date.

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by Les Hinckley, Todd Owen, Ron Silk and Burt Myers, who started from the pole.

Outside of the winning purse, and the 32-car starting field worth of prizes, which included \$1,000 just to take the green flag, multiple drivers also increased their payday by winning contingency awards. One of the highlights was Owen, picking up the \$1,000 Green Construction Hard Charger award after having to take a promoter’s option into the race and start last. A full list of contingency winners is below.

Noah Korner was victorious in the 25-lap B-Main, advancing to the race along with Dylan Izzo, who finished second. Of the cars that went home, Blake

Barney, who finished third in the B-Main, collected \$1,050 even though he didn’t qualify. All cars in attendance at Stafford were provided at least \$300 in awards for attempting to qualify.

Tri Track Contingency Awards, Stafford, October 24:

Green Construction Hard Charger (\$1,000): Todd Owen

Stone’s Performance & Parts Fastest Lap Award (\$300): Chase Dowling

Pepsi Challenge Heat Winners (\$300 each): Chase Dowling, Ryan Preece, Keith Rocco, Burt Myers, Ronnie Williams

Pepsi Challenge Consi Winners (\$300 each): Eric Goodale, Marcello Rufrano

TFR Hard Luck Award (\$500 Gift Certificate to TFR): Woody Pitkat (Car Owner: Stan Mertz)

## Turley Sports joins Instagram

Turley Publications sports department has recently joined Instagram. You can find our account by searching “turleysports.” We will regularly feature samples of photos that you will see in our publications on a weekly basis. Please follow and share with

your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections in the coming weeks, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

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responsibility is to keep our students and staff safe.

“The City of Holyoke has been in the red category for three weeks, which represents four weeks of higher rates of spread of the coronavirus, largely due to small group gatherings where people are not following health and safety guidelines. Per the Department of Public Health, several other communities in the county are now also in the red category. HPS athletes and their families have been traveling to and playing in those communities as well.”

Holyoke entered its third week in high-risk status, though its rate of COVID cases had actually declined. Data was released late last Thursday night. The state had been updating its high-risk status map on Wednesdays.

When Holyoke’s status went to high-risk, West Springfield refused to play against Holyoke and games

between the two schools were postponed. Based on the information provided by Matos, it appears even if Holyoke’s status improves, there will be no resumption of fall sports.

Monson and Chicopee joined the ranks of high-risk communities by data released last Thursday.

A game between Chicopee and Ludlow boys soccer was postponed last Saturday morning, but it may not have been related to Chicopee’s status change as both Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive were scheduled to have regular game action this week.

Amherst Regional, which currently shares a “bubble” with South Hadley, Granby, and Belchertown, moved to moderate risk. Amherst and Belchertown were set to resume matchups this week.

Belchertown, due to past precedent, will likely not play Monson until has been removed from high-risk status. There are about four weeks remaining in the abbreviated fall season.

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people are not following health and safety guidelines. Per the Department of Public Health, several other communities in the county are now also in the red category. HPS athletes and their families have been traveling to and playing in those communities as well.

“Per Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidance, districts and schools currently open for in-person instruction are encouraged to remain open even if their local community is designated as red, so long as there is no evidence of

COVID-19 transmission in the schools. Accordingly, Holyoke Public Schools will continue to remain open to staff and students in Cohort C and learning pods will continue.”

The letter was also signed by Holyoke Principal Dr. Steven Mahoney and Athletic Director Melanie Martin.

With coronavirus cases surging in the state during the past few weeks, the MIAA still has to make a determination as to whether sports can be played in the winter, especially with basketball being labeled a high-risk sport due it being played indoors and there being a lot of close contact between opponents.

### VOTING, from page 1

McGee said approximately 8,000 ballots have gone out by mail, so there are still many of those ballots left to come back.

Early voting in the city was set to conclude today, then the general Election Day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3 with polls open in Holyoke from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the various precincts throughout the city.

Voters are advised to mail ballots

back as soon as possible. Ballots must be in the town’s hands to be counted by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

While numerous television and published reports have recommended mail-in ballots be mailed out or dropped off as soon as possible, local mailing could take less time to process and reach town hall.

The Holyoke Sun reached out to the United States Postal Service to ask about mailing times, but did not receive a response as of press time.



Public Notices

**Holyoke Historical Commission Public Hearing Notice Demolition Applications:**  
12 Corser Street (110-00-014)  
**Applicant:**  
Holyoke Medical Center, Inc,  
575 Beech Street,  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
**Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Due to the declared public health emergency, the meeting will be held via zoom.us  
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Masswest Services, Inc,  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court**  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD20P1793GD  
**In the matter of:**  
Teresa Wegrzyn  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Richard Cabral** of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Teresa Wegrzyn** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Robert Wegrzyn of League City, TX  
Lucia Wegrzyn of League City, TX  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 AM. on the return date of 11/13/2020.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a law-

**yer, one may be appointed at State expense.**  
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 16, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
10/30/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court**  
Docket No. HD20P1794PM  
**In the matter of:**  
Teresa Wegrzyn  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
**(Person to be Protected/ Minor)**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Richard Cabral** of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Teresa Wegrzyn** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Robert Wegrzyn** of League City, TX (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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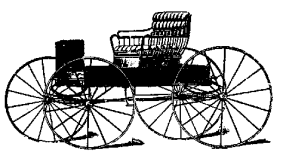
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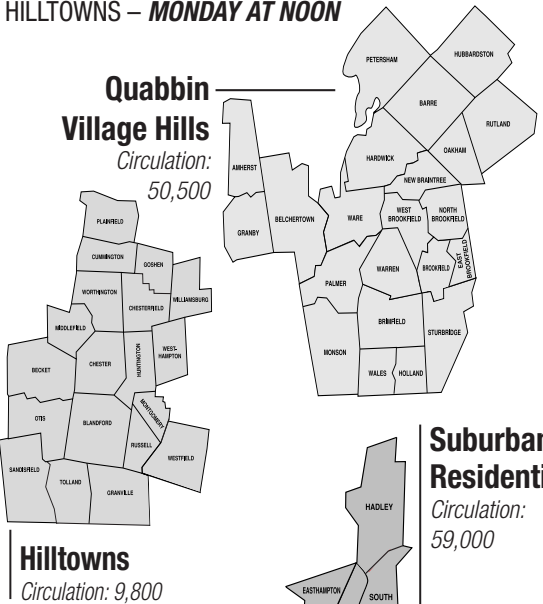
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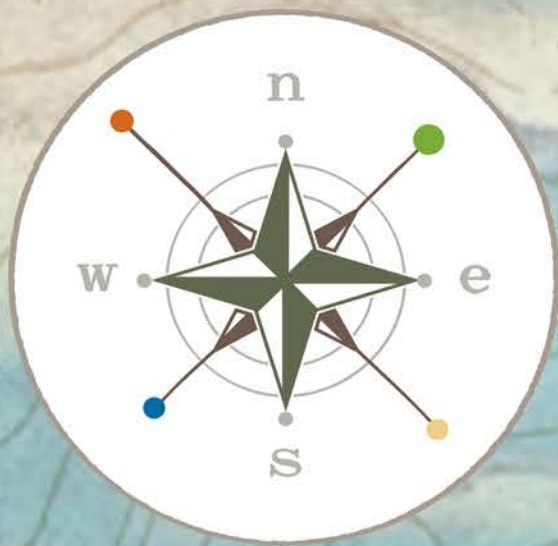
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